

# Melbourne & Middlemiss Booster & Area Bits & Pieces November 13, 2024

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A joint effort by the Royal Canadian Legion r.#510, A Split Village At A Crossroad and Do Good Things Co. hosted a Parade of Pumpkins at the cen-

taph on Friday November 1st. There was a number of carved pumpkins and a number of uncarved pumpkins that arrived for the three hour

view-

ing. There was a memorial pumpkin (bottom of the grandfather clock) that was dedicated by a few families for



a person that they had a yearly tradition with.

Legion President Red Noble was on hand to give the young artists a poppy sticker as a simple reminder of the upcoming Remembrance Day focus on November the 11th.



After the pumpkins were inspected for foreign materials (paint, wax, added craft materials) they were taken to Farmer Rob's farm where the cattle enjoyed vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin E, riboflavin, potassium, copper, manganese, thiamin.



### Melbourne Community has increased by ONE new wee one

On October 23rd, 2024 the Melbourne population increases by 1. Heather Loffhagen (nee Nicol) and husband Cody welcomed Remington David Loffhagen into the world. Proud grandparents are Sheri and Millar Nicol (Melbourne), Michelle and Tom Jacobs (Middlemiss) and David Loffhagen and Rhonda Kester (London) Congratulations!!!





The finished cards were going to be delivered to Parkwood Hospital and given to the Veterans.



**Casey Shannon** of Do Good Things Co. hosted an event that incorporated two things FOOD & CARDS on

November 6 @ the Legion.  
<https://dogoodthingsco.ca/>



**DO GOOD RURAL REC**

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 WORK TOGETHER AND SHARE EXTRAS  
 REPURPOSE CREATIVE SUPPLIES AND MAKE USE OF LOCAL SPACES  
 SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, AND GROUPS

SEPT 12 - OCT 17 - NOV 14 - DEC 12



The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed by those who fought and those who continue to fight for our country following the publication of the wartime poem “In Flanders Fields.” The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front line in World War I, to honor soldiers killed in ...



The Melbourne Legion Poppy Project came to completion on Saturday November 9th, as the poppy netting was placed on the Cenotaph stone. The idea was initiated by JoAnn Galbraith at a Legion meeting in 2023.



Mike McCallum , President Red Noble and Janet McCallum took time to place and fasten making sure it was balanced and secure.



The Jeffery work crew Ian, James, Sam under the guidance of their Dad... Glen Jeffery came along for the second maintenance (in a week ) of the grounds to make sure it was tidy for the service on November 10th.



*John Galbraith prepares the crosses that signify those that served and were members of the Royal Canadian Legion Melbourne Br.#510*

### ***What is the purpose of the Royal Canadian Legion poppy campaign?***

From the last Friday in October to Remembrance Day, millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to never forget those who served and sacrificed. The red flower also is the symbol of the Legion's Poppy Campaign, **raising funds to support Veterans and their families in need.**



### **Remembrance At a Glance Past & Present**

**by JoAnn Galbraith**

On November 18th 1949, 75 years ago a group of veterans held their first meeting and decided to form a local Legion Branch in Melbourne and the Royal Canadian Legion #510 Melbourne had its beginning. The first meeting was

held in the community hall then in 1949. The group decided to purchase the vacant SS#1 school. In 1954 the school which became the legion was relocated to a site in the fair-grounds, where over the years additions have been added.

At a meeting on November 20th 1950 there was discussion and was voted that on the first Sunday before Remembrance Day the parade and Church Service would alternate between the two Melbourne Churches.

The poppy committee was also established in 1950. In 1964 two lots were purchased at the Longwood Cemetery and a memorial stone/cairn was erected in 1965. In 1985 the memorial stone/cairn was moved to its present site.

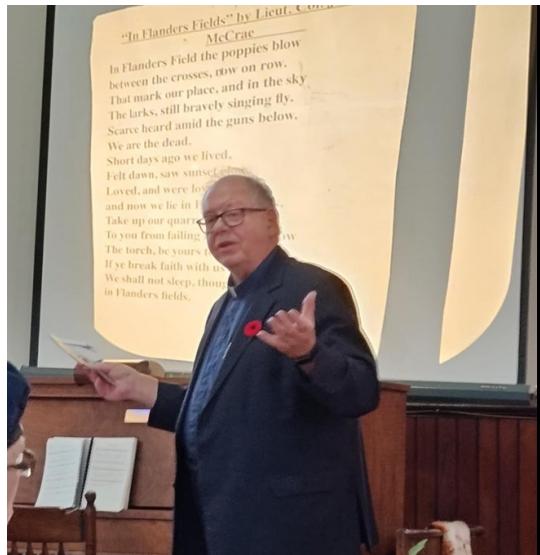
Branch #510 has held its Remembrance Services the Sunday before November the 11th, for the past 74 years. It was because of the accessibility laws introduced that Melbourne United & Guthrie Presbyterian Church decided to make Guthrie Presbyterian the host location every year.

Due to inclement weather the parade was cancelled , everyone gathered at the church for the service and the Cenotaph Service was relocated to the Legion.

To begin the service Piper Robert Easton led the Colour Party into the church followed by Legion members. Reverend Ken Taylor who at the present time is leading Sunday Services at the NEW



United Church was Pastor for the special Remembrance



Service. His message “Never Again” and the sound of the piper in the church was an added addition to the special service.

Reverend Richard Golden Past  
Pastor of the United Church and  
Legion Chaplin, overseen the  
Cenotaph Service in the Legion.

John Galbraith Poppy Chair, overseen the reading of the list of the fallen soldiers, past Legion Veterans and the laying of the poppy wreaths.

A time of fellowship in the Legion and a light lunch followed the service.

When the rain ceased some-  
what the poppy wreaths were  
transferred and placed at the  
cairn site.



## In Flanders Fields

John McCrae

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.**

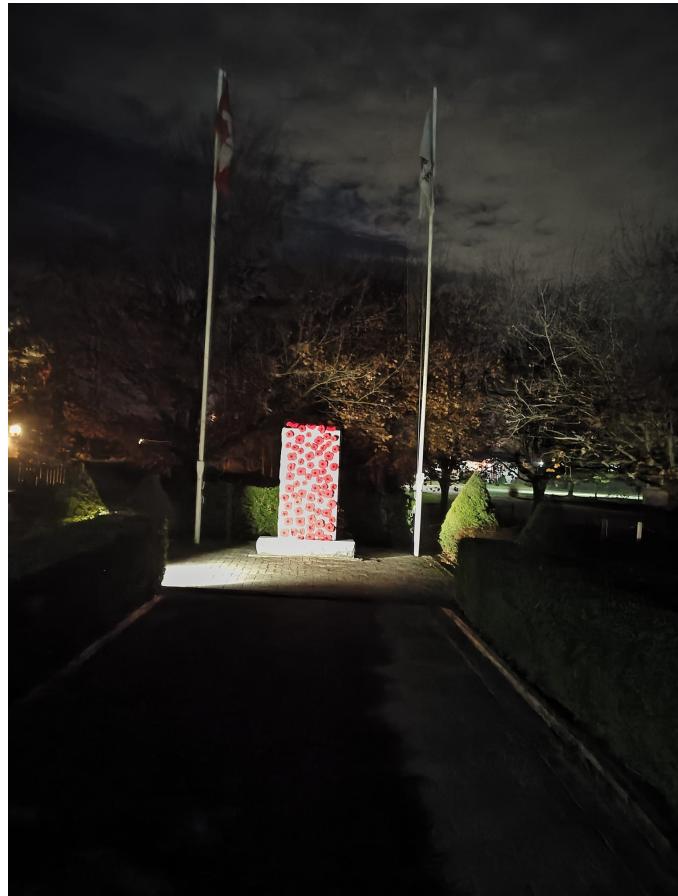




The following are a list of who was on hand to lay wreaths

Dominion of Canada –Representing Lianne Rood - Member of Parliament - Steve Pinsonneault MPP Province of Ontario, Royal Canadian Legion Melbourne Branch # 510– Redvers Noble-President, WW I Veterans- Christine (Annett) Jolley, WWII– Brian Wolfe, Korean-(in memory of Faye Timbers), daughter Laura Timbers Purdy, Vietnam -David Muscutt, Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc Mayor Colin Grantham, Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Councillor Mark McGill, First Nations Russell Thomas, Melbourne IOOF– Grant Harvey, Melbourne & District Lions— Hersh Rolica President, Melbourne Agricultural Society - Herb Pierce, Melbourne Masons-Richard Golden,

The attached crochet and knitted poppies that have been tied to fish netting have been draped over the monument , along with the white crosses placed that bear the names of the Veterans is quite an impressive site for one to view.



**“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”**



A special thank you goes to the Melbourne ladies and those with ties to the Melbourne area who crocheted and knitted the poppies that were tied to the fish netting that has draped the cenotaph for the remembrance service..



**Mount Brydges Cenotaph  
Pavilion displaying  
their poppies**

Picture courtesy of Eleanor Cook



## Katherine (Cobban) Eichenberger and the Red Cross in WW2

Katherine was born in 1923 in Sarnia Ontario, and when WW2 broke out she signed up to be a Nurse in the Canadian Red Cross Society (CRCS). The CRCS's work in WWII was much the same as its work in WWI: Canadians donated millions of dollars and countless hours of voluntary labor to fundraising efforts, the creation of comforts and supplementary medical supplies, and the packing of food parcels for prisoners of war (all of which were then shipped overseas and distributed). One new development was the creation of the Canadian Cross Corpse, a body of uniformed, trained, disciplined women volunteers ready for service in case of emergency. Another development was the blood donor program: for use in life-saving procedures, in military hospitals overseas.



*This was part of the 11 days of remembering this past week at the Strathroy-Caradoc Museum*

# Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

## PUBLIC SKATING SPONSORS

The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex is immensely grateful for the generous support of the local businesses that have chosen to sponsor one or more of our public skates this winter.

These sponsors have demonstrated their unwavering commitment to our community, enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

Their contributions not only make these public skates possible but also enrich the winter experience for our families and individuals, fostering a strong sense of togetherness.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to these businesses for their invaluable partnership and dedication to our community's well-being.

All of the following sponsored public skates run on **Sundays 11:30am-1:00pm**. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the available skates, *please call 519-287-2015 or email [rburlock@southwestmiddlesex.ca](mailto:rburlock@southwestmiddlesex.ca).*

### **Sponsored Public Skates: Free Skating**

- September 15 sponsored by Southwest Middlesex
- September 22 sponsored by Southwest Middlesex
- September 29 sponsored by **AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR**
- October 6 sponsored by **AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR**
- October 13 sponsored by **AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR**
- October 20 sponsored by Axiom
- October 27 sponsored by Melbourne Odd Fellows
- November 3 sponsored by Glencoe Agricultural Society
- November 10 sponsored by Glencoe Agricultural Society
- November 17 sponsored by Glencoe Agricultural Society
- November 24 sponsored by Glencoe Agricultural Society
- December 1 sponsored by Glencoe Agricultural Society
- December 8 sponsored by Glencoe Agricultural Society
- December 15 sponsored by Spriet Associates Limited
- December 22 sponsored by Community Employment Choices
- December 29 sponsored by Kay Chiropractic
- January 5 sponsored by Glencoe Agricultural Society
- January 12 sponsored by The Eccles Family
- January 19 sponsored by ELM Children's Centre
- January 26 sponsored by Marco
- February 2 sponsored by Marco
- February 9 sponsored by Spriet Associates Limited
- February 16 sponsored by Marco
- February 23 sponsored by Glencoe Dentistry
- March 2 sponsored by Glencoe Dentistry
- March 9 sponsored by **AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR**
- March 16 sponsored by **AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR**
- March 23 sponsored by **AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR**
- March 30, sponsored by Southwest Middlesex



**Community  
EMPLOYMENT  
choices**



153 McKellar Street, Glencoe, ON N0L 1M0



Don't miss this week's sponsored public skate at the West Middlesex Memorial Centre! 🎩

Join us this Sunday, October 13, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to take part in this free skate sponsored by Forest of Flowers Strathroy. We hope to see you there!



## Sponsored Public Skates

**Oct. 6 -** Forest of Flowers

**Oct. 13 -** Forest of Flowers

**Oct. 20 -** Strathroy Family Dental

**Oct. 27 -** Forest of Flowers

**Nov. 3 -** Strathroy Legion

**Nov. 10 -** Entegrus

**Nov. 17 -** Execulink

**Nov. 24 -** Nortera

**Dec. 1 -** Lerners LLP

**Dec. 8 -** Compass Community Church

**Dec. 15 -** Dennings Funeral Homes

**Dec. 22 -** Cookie Bar Strathroy

**Dec. 29 -** Strathroy Jets

**Jan. 5 -** Strathroy Legion

**Jan. 12 -** Lisa McPhee and Tyler Bowie - RBC Mortgage Specialists

**Jan. 19 -** Bezaire & Hemeryck Lawyers

**Jan. 26 -** Heal Therapy Counselling and Consulting

**Feb. 9 -** Strathroy Legion

**Feb. 16 -** Vitalpoint Church

**Feb. 23 -** Axiom Mutual Insurance

**Mar. 2 -** Strathroy Pride

**Mar. 9 -** Strathroy Legion

**Mar. 16 -** Strathroy Lions Club

**Mar. 23 -** Strathroy Lions Club

**Mar. 30 -** Matt Baganha Mortgage Broker



### Upcoming Sponsored Public Skating- Tri-Township Arena

*Sunday November 17/24 1:00-2:20pm Sponsor: **Tri-Township Arena Board***

*Sunday December 1/24 Time 1:30-2:50pm Sponsor: **Mount Brydges & Area Optimist Club***

*Sunday December 8/24 Time 1:30-2:50pm Sponsor: **Community Employment Choices***

*Sunday December 29/24 Time 1:30-2:50pm Sponsor: **Development Engineering***

*Tuesday December 31/24 Time 10:30am-12pm Sponsor: **Mt. Brydges Lions Club***

*Monday February 17/25 1:00-2:20pm Sponsor: **Royal Canadian Legion Caradoc Branch #251 Mount Brydges***

*Wednesday March 13/24 Time 1-2:20pm Sponsor: **Royal Canadian Legion Caradoc Branch #251 Mount Brydges***



# NOVEMBER 2024

- Nov 1 - New Horizon Club Bid Euchre, Glencoe Arena, 1 pm
- Nov 4 - Monday Morning Social, Quest Centre, 10:30 am - All Welcome
- Nov 5 - Glencoe Lions Cash Bingo, Glencoe Ag. Hall, 7 pm
- Nov 8 - New Horizon Club Bid Euchre, Glencoe Arena, 1 pm
- Nov 9, 10 - SMAK "Caught in the Net," Ekfrid Community Centre
- Nov 10 - SWM Firefighters' Assn. Fall Breakfast, Glencoe Stn., 8 am-1 pm
- Nov 10 - Melbourne Remembrance service, Guthrie Presby., 10:45 am
- Nov 10 - Wardsville Cenotaph Service, 2:45 pm
- Nov 11 - Monday Morning Social, Quest Centre, 10 am - All Welcome
- Nov 11 - Glencoe Cenotaph Service, 10:45 am - Dinner, 5:30 pm
- Nov 11 - Newbury Cenotaph Service, 10:45 am - Light lunch, 12 noon
- Nov 12 - Celebrate Community Comm. (CCC) meeting, 6:30 pm - Legion
- Nov 13 - Quad County Support Services Bringo, Glencoe Presby., 1 pm
- Nov 15 - Crafting with Jen, Quest Centre, 10 am (Call to Register)
- Nov 15 - New Horizon Club Bid Euchre, Glencoe Arena, 1 pm
- Nov 15 - Glencoe's Santa Claus Parade, 7 pm
- Nov 16, 17 - SMAK "Caught in the Net," Ekfrid Community Centre
- Nov 17 - Christmas Open House, Glencoe Presbyterian, 11 am-2 pm
- Nov 18 - Monday Morning Social, Quest Centre, 10 am - All Welcome
- Nov 19 - New Horizon Club Bid Euchre, Glencoe Arena, 1 pm
- Nov 20 - Historical Society meeting, Mount Elgin Residential School, 7 pm
- Nov 21 - Quest Centre Book Club, "Five Little Indians," 1 pm
- Nov 22 - New Horizon Club Bid Euchre, Glencoe Arena, 1 pm
- Nov 22 - Glencoe 4-H Awards Night, Glencoe Ag. Hall, 6:30 pm
- Nov 22 - Glencoe Night Market, Main St., 5-8 pm
- Nov 22 - Glencoe Legion Cornhole Fun Night, 6:30 pm registration
- Nov 23, 24 - SMAK "Caught in the Net," Ekfrid Community Centre
- Nov 24 - Glencoe Legion Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast, 9:30 am -12:30 pm
- Nov 25 - Monday Morning Social, Quest Centre, 10 am - All Welcome
- Nov 26 - New Horizon Club Bid Euchre, Glencoe Arena, 1 pm
- Nov 29 - New Horizon Club Bid Euchre, Glencoe Arena, 1 pm
- Nov 29 - Glencoe Agricultural Society Duelling Pianos, Ag. Hall, 7 pm

Brought to you by: **The Quest Centre**  
3581 Concession Dr., Glencoe - Western entrance GDHS - 519-287-2726

**Contact the Quest Centre to have local community events  
added to the December calendar.**

**Guthrie Presbyterian Church, Melbourne**

**Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale**

**Saturday November 16**

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Baked goods, Christmas items  
and decorations for sale**



EVERYONE WELCOME

# Night of Appreciation

NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024



5:30PM - 7:00PM  
ROAST BEEF DINNER &  
SILENT AUCTION

8:00PM  
DANCE &  
LIVE MUSIC BY SOUTH OF 7 BAND

\$25



Tickets available for purchase at Melbourne Farm Equipment  
or email [melbourneagsociety18@gmail.com](mailto:melbourneagsociety18@gmail.com)



# TURKEY BINGO

*Gather your family, friends, enthusiasts for an evening of thrilling games, fabulous prizes, and unforgettable memories.*

THURS

7:00PM

GAME STARTS 7:30PM

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21886 MELBOURNE RD.

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#### HOSTED BY:

MELBOURNE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
MELBOURNE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB  
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MELBOURNE LEGION

#### LUCKY CARDS PRICING PER GAME:

1 FOR 50¢  
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# Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday November 23, 2024

**NEW Melbourne United Church Basement**

10a.m.—2p.m.

**Bake Table**

**Craft Table**

**white elephant table**



Meat pies



Christmas Pudding



**Hot Dog Lunch**



**refreshments**

# Christmas Open House



**At The Manse**

**592 John St. Melbourne, Ontario**

**NEW Melbourne United Church**

**Saturday December 7, 2024 1-4 p.m.**

**Sunday December 8, 2024 1-4 p.m.**

**This classic Ontario house has been  
here in Melbourne for 130 years.**

**ALL are welcome to celebrate  
and share a Victorian Christmas  
this season**



**Period decoration**

**Historical displays**

**Melbourne History**

**Non-perishable & CASH donations  
welcomed and graciously accepted  
for the local food banks**

***Traditional  
Christmas Treats  
from the kitchen***

# Upcoming Happenings

14	NOV, THU	● 5 – 8pm	Do Good Co. Wardsville Do Good Rural Rec: November 14, 2024 21996 Hagerty Rd, Southwest Middlesex, ON N0L, Canada
15	NOV, FRI	● 4:30pm ● 7 – 10pm	Royal Canadian Legion Br:#510 Fish/Chip 2024 Glencoe Santa Claus Parade Glencoe Agricultural Society
16	NOV, SAT	● 9am – 1pm ● 4 – 7pm ● 5:30 – 7pm ● 6:30 – 10pm ● 8 – 9pm	Guthrie Presbyterian Church Bazaar & Bake Sale Royal Canadian Legion Br.#510 -Finger Foods 4:00-7:00pm...Meat Draw 5pm 21886 Melbourne Road, Melbourne, Ontario Night of Appreciation Roast Beef Dinner & Silent Auction Melbourne Agricultural Society SMAK Theatre "Caught in the Net" Melbourne Agricultural Society Dance & Live Music by South of 7 Band tickets available for purchase at Melbourne Farm Equipment
17	NOV, SUN	● 1 – 4pm	SMAK Theatre "Caught in the Net"
18	NOV, MON	● 1 – 3pm	Senior's Euchre @ Townline Terrace Mondays 1- 3pm JoAnn-519-289-5954 for more information
20	NOV, WED	● 5 – 8pm	Do Good Co. Appin Do Good Rural Rec: November 20, 2024 48 Wellington St, Southwest Middlesex, ON N0L, Canada
21	NOV, THU	● 7 – 10pm	Turkey Bingo gather your family, friends, enthusiasts for an evening of thrilling games, fabulous prizes and unforgettable memories.
22	NOV, FRI	● 4:30pm	Royal Canadian Legion Br:#510 Fish/Chip
23	NOV, SAT	● 10am – 2pm ● 11am – 3pm ● 4 – 7pm ● 6:30 – 10pm	NEW Melbourne United Church Bazaar & Bake Sale Strathroy....All Handmade Christmas Marketplace Royal Canadian Legion Br.#510 -Finger Foods 4:00-7:00pm...Meat Draw 5pm 21886 Melbourne Road, Melbourne, Ontario SMAK Theatre "Caught in the Net"



# NOVEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS

Cole Pranger, Elaine Andrew, Judy Kok,  
Dwayne Gowan, Paul Hathaway, Cori Cowan,  
Tina Topping, Jessica Pranger, Virginia Erickson,  
Ellen Brisebois, David Gough, Sandra Campbell,  
Karen (McLean) Balazsity, Hunter Albert, Laura Snoeys  
Michael McCallum, Kent Wolfe, Shirley (Stocking) Mott  
Herb Lucas, Michelle Steen, John Galbraith,  
Bill Graff, Blair Carruthers, Greg Eichenberger  
Candy Thomas, Ron Eichenberger, Millar Nicol



Keith & Debbie McLean,	Gerry & Karen Balazsity,
Roger & Deb Hathaway,	Dolena and Jack Hurst
Kate and Fred Hiscox	Deb and Brian Wolfe

If you would like to have your birthday/anniversary included  
email names and dates to [asplitvillageatacrossroad@gmail.com](mailto:asplitvillageatacrossroad@gmail.com)